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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF NICARAGUA FOR CATTLE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease.
2. The animals originate from herds where no clinical cases of enzootic bovine leukosis have been reported to occur; OR see TESTING REQUIREMENTS # 2.
3. The animals originate from herds where no clinical cases of campylobacteriosis or trichomoniasis have been reported.
4. The animals originate from herds where no clinical cases of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis have been reported during the past 12 months prior to embarkation.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The animals must be tested with negative results to the following diseases within 30 days prior to embarkation:

1. Brucellosis: Standard tube or standard plate test at 1:50; NOTE: Official calfhood vaccinates (OCV) under 30 months old are exempt; however, they must be identified as such.
2. EBL: Agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test; OR ELISA. (OR see CERTIFICATION STATEMENT #2)
3. Tuberculosis: Caudal fold test using mammalian ppd tuberculin.

4. Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test at the 1:400 dilution for *L. canicola*, *L. grippotyphosa*, *L. hardjo*, *L. pomona*, and *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*. OR, vaccination within 6 months prior to embarkation (indicate date and product used on health certificate).
5. Campylobacteriosis: Culture of preputial smegma or vaginal mucus. Virgin animals need not be tested, but must be so certified.
6. Trichomoniasis: Same as for Campylobacteriosis.
7. IBR: Serum neutralization test at 1:8; OR AGID test; OR, vaccination with a killed vaccine within 6 months prior to embarkation. The date of vaccination, type, and name of vaccine used must be noted on the health certificate.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

1. IBR: See Testing Requirement #7.
2. Leptospirosis: See Testing Requirement #4.

EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate (17-140) the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37):

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals "have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found to be free of evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto" (within 24 hours of exportation).